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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. DESPITE US REP'S PRESSING FOR AN EARLIER DATE FOR THE FINAL PLENARY, ALL OTHER ALLIED REPS PREFERRED TO STICK TO JUNE 28 TARGET DATE ON THE GROUNDS THAT TIME WAS NEEDED FOR FORMAL NAC APPROVAL, A PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF THE FINAL PLENARY AND FOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH AUSTRIANS. AT SAME TIME, SOVIETS NOW PRESSING FOR JUNE 27.

2. GROUP AGREED TO US REP'S DRAFT FOR SCENARIO OF FINAL PLENARY, AND CHARGED FRG REP AND US REP TO SEE SOVIET REP JUNE 26 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINAL PLENARY ON ASSUMPTION SOVIET REP WOULD HAVE INSTRUCTIONS BY THEN.

3. REPS OF EASTERN AND WESTERN DELS TO MEET JUNE 25 TO CHECK TRANSLATIONS OF COMMUNIQUE AND ACTING BELGIAN REP IS NOTIFYING AUSTRIANS THAT FORMAL REQUEST FOR JUNE 28 WILL COME SHORTLY. END SUMMARY.

4. DATE FOR FINAL PLENARY. CHAIRMAN ( ACTING FRG REP HOFMANN) NOTED THAT NAC AGREED TO TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE ON JUNE 20 WITH PROVISION THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN ONCE THE DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WAS SETTLED. HE WOULD APPROACH SYG WITH REQUEST FOR NAC DECISION. HE RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER DATE FOR FINAL PLENARY MIGHT BE SOONER THAN JUN 28 BUT OPINED THAT GROUP WOULD BE PRUDENT NOT TO PUT ITSELF UNDER TIME PRESSURE.

5. ACTING UK REP ( JOHNSON) ASKED IF SOVIET REP HAD SAID ANYTHING ABOUT AGREEMENT TO TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE.

6. US REP SAID HE BELIEVED SOVIETS HAD KEPT OPEN TEXT ON " SCOPE AND TIMING ISSUE" AS A NEGOTIATING PLOY AND BELIEVED THAT GROUP COULD ACT ON ASSUMPTION THAT SOVIET REP'S AGREEMENT TO DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AS WELL AS DATE WOULD BE RECEIVED SHORTLY. US REP URGED GOING AHEAD WITH REQUEST TO SYG ON ASSUMPTION SOVIETS WOULD GET INSTRUCTIONS; HE SUGGESTED GROUP ASK FOR NAC AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE NOTED DECISIONS IN PRINCIPLE HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN SO THAT A MEETING OF NAC WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE NEEDED. US REP NOTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WISHED TO MOVE WITH DISPATCH AND URGED MOVING TARGET DATE TO JUNE 27.

7. ACTING UK REP SUGGESTED THAT JUNE 28 WOULD BE SAFEST. AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED. US REP SAID THAT THEY

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COULD BE PUT ON NOTICE NOW THAT THERE WOULD BE A FORTHCOMING FORMAL REQUEST FOR A MEETING. ACTING BELGIAN REP SAID HE AND POLISH REP WERE SCHEDULED TO INSPECT ROOM AT KONGRESS HAUS ON JUNE 27 AND ADVANCING THE DATE MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, AND HE SUPPORTED JUNE 28 DATE FOR PLENARY.

I. ACTING FRG REP SAID 48 HOURS TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR THE

PRESS TO RETURN TO VIENNA. US REP NOTED THAT IF A PRESS RELEASE IS TO BE ISSUED IN ADVANCE, THAT IS ANOTHER CONSIDERATION FOR ASKING NAC TO ACT QUICKLY.

9. DUTCH REP ALSO ADVOCATED STICKING TO JUNE 28 FOR REASONS OF PRESS, ROOM AND CONTACT WITH AUSTRIANS. HE SUGGESTED THAT " SILENT PROCEDURE" BE EMPLOYED TO EXPEDITE NAC ACTION. HE SUGGESTED THAT AD HOC GROUP NOT APPEAR TO BE SETTING A PRESSURE DEADLINE FOR NAC, UT THAT FRG DEL ASK FRG NATO DEL TO EXPLAIN REASONS FOR URGENCY TO SYG. ACTING BELGIAN REP AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO AVOID PUTTING A DEADLINE TO NAC. CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR EXPRESSION OF VIEWS ON DATE AND REMAINING REPS INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR STICKING WITH JUNE 28 AND NOT ADVANCING IT.

10. ACTING BELGIAN REP AGREED TO NOIFY AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL ( ZANETTI) THAT REQUEST FOR A PLENARY WOULD BE COMING SOON.

11. RESPONSE TO ROMANIAN STATEMENT. US REP DISTRIBUTED REPORT OF HIS AND DUTCH REP'S CONVERSATION JUNE 23 ( VIENNA 5232), US REP QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR WEST TO RESPOND TO ROMANIAN STATEMENT.

12. ACTING UK REP BELIEVED THAT LONDON WOULD WISH TO RESPOND. DUTCH REP BELIEVED A REPLY MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY, BUT THOUGHT GROUP SHOULD SEE ROMANIA TEXT BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

13. US REP ARGUED THAT A WESTERN STATEMENT WOULD INVITE A FURTHER WARSAW PACT STATEMENT. IF REALLY NECESSARY WEST COULD SAY IN PLENARY THAT ROMANIAN VIEWS WERE UNILATERAL AND USE UK DRAFT MATERIAL IN PRESS STATEMENT AFTER THE PLENARY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS ACTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE REGARDLESS OF ACTUAL TEXT OF ROMANIAN STATEMENT. ACTING FRG REP SAID HE FELT THAT A WESTERN STATEMENT WOULD TEND TO UPGRADE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROMANIAN STATEMENT BUT AGREED THAT A FURTHER PROBE FOR THE ROMANIAN TEXT

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WOULD BE DESIRABLE. DANISH REP PREFERRED NOT TO ANSWER OR TO RESPOND ONLY IN THE PRESS STATEMENT; HE WAS CONCERNED LEST IT BE DIFFICULT FOR COPENHAGEN TO COORDINATE A RESPONSE. ACTING UK REP AGREED TO ASK ROMANIAN REP FOR THE TEXT AND MEANWHILE TO CONSULT LONDON.

14. STATEMENT FOR CHAIRMAN OF PLENARY. US REP CIRCULATED INFORMAL NOTES OF REMARKS CHAIRMAN OF LAST PLENARY ( GDR REP) MIGHT MAKE. HE EXPLAINED IT WOULD BE TO WEST'S ADVANTAGE TO HAVE A PAPER IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN INITIATIVE IN DISCUSSION

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WITH EAST.

15. ACTING UK REP SUGGESTED REVERSING ORDER OF ROMANIAN STATEMENT  
AND ADOPTION OF COMMUNIQUE SO THAT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ADOPTED  
FIRST. ACTING FRG REP ARGUED THAT A COMMENT MADE BEFORE ADOPTION  
WOULD HAVE LESS WEIGHT THAN ONE MADE AFTERWARDS AS A RESERVATION.  
GROUP AGREED TO LEAVE ORDER AS US REP HAD ON THE THEORY THAT  
ADOPTION WOULD SUPERSEDE THE ROMANIAN COMMENTS AND ACCEPTED TEXT  
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AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION IN NEXT MEETING WITH EAST.

16. NEXT QUADRILATERAL. ACTING FRG REP NOTED THAT A QUADRILATERAL WOULD BE NEEDED TO DEAL WITH: SOVIET REP'S ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER DATE AND DRAFT COMMUNIQUE TEXT, FORMAL READING OF STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATION ABOUT THE RIGHT TO INTRODUCE TOPICS FOR NEGOTIATION AND ON A PRESS RELEASE TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE FOR THE PLENARY.

17. ACTING FRG REP PROPOSED THAT US REP ACCOMPANY FRG REP TO MEETING ON MORNING OF JUNE 26. ACTING BELGIAN REP DID NOT OBJECT, BUT MADE A POINT OF NOTING SUBJECTS TO BE ADDRESSED, WITH THE IDEA THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THESE POINTS.

18. US REP NOTED THAT SOVIET REP HAD INDICATED AN INTEREST IN AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD ANNOUNCE THE FACT OF THE HOLDING OF THE PLENARY ITSELF ( SOVIET REP'S IDEA WAS THAT THIS WOULD IDENTIFY WHEN AND HOW JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ADOPTED). GROUP AGREED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THIS BUT ALLIED REPS COULD LISTEN TO SOVIET VIEWS.

19. TRANSLATIONS OF COMMUNIQUE. US REP REPORTED THAT SOVIET REP SUGGESTED, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE HAD NOT GOTTEN INSTRUCTIONS YET, THAT TRANSLATION-CHECKING SESSION BE HELD AFTERNOON OF JUNE 25. ACTING BELGIAN REP HAD MINOR TEXTUAL SUGGESTIONS FROM BRUSSELS ON FRENCH TEXT. GROUP AGREED TO CONVENE WITH EAST ON TRANSLATIONS.

20. ACCOMMODATIONS. ACTING BELGIAN REP REPORTED THAT AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL ZANETTI HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAD CONCLUDED A " PRE- CONTRACT" AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE SCHOTTENRING PROPERTY AND THAT ZANETTI HAD INFORMED MINISTRY OF WESTERN INTEREST IN RENTING IT.

21. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ACCOMMODATIONS BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD TIME TO PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GROUP.

22. OTHER BUSINESS. GROUP AGREED TO PUT OFF UK DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT UNTIL JUNE 26 AND APPROVED CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT ( TEXT SEPTEL).

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23. CONTACT WITH SOVIETS. SOVIET REP KHLESTOV TELEPHONED US REP AT 1600 HOURS JUNE 25. HE SAID HE HAD NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS READY TO MOVE. HE STRONGLY URGED HOLDING PLENARY ON JUNE 27 INSTEAD OF JUNE 28. US REP SAID THIS CORRESPONDED WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND HE HAD URGED WESTERN ALLIES TO MOVE UP DATE IN DISCUSSION EARLIER SAME DAY BUT HAD ENCOUNTERED RESISTENCE. SOVIET REP INSISTED AND US REP AGREED TO CONVENE QUADRILATERAL SES-

SION AT 1800 HOURS SAME DAY TO DISCUSS MATTER.

24. COMMENT: WE ARE COMPLYING WITH WASHINGTON DESIRE FOR MORE  
RAPID PLENARY. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE ADDITIONAL  
GROUNDS FOR ADVANCING DATE SINCE ALLIES LIKELY TO REACT NEGATIV-  
ELY TO FURTHER PRESSURE UNLESS THEY CAN SEE REASON FOR DOING SO.  
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